

ORDINANCE NO. 1974

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new chapter numbered 34A; which new, Chapter 34A relates to SUNDAY CLOSING LAW and provides that the Sunday closing laws (BLUE LAWS) of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall HAVE NO FORCE OR EFFECT WITHIN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new chapter numbered 34A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 34A

SUNDAY CLOSING LAW.

Sec. 34A-1. Referendum on question of application of Sunday closing law.

Pursuant to Section 15.1-29.5 of the Code of Virginia, a referendum was held within the City of Alexandria, Virginia on Tuesday, November 5, 1974, on the question of the application of Sunday closing laws within the city. A majority of those voting in such referendum approved the fact that such closing laws shall have no force or effect within the city. A duly certified copy of a court order proclaiming said results has been transmitted to the city council, the governing body of the city.

Sec. 34A-2. Sense of citizens that Sunday closing laws are not necessary in city.

That in view of the results noted in Section 34A-1 above, the city council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, is of the opinion that it is the sense of the citizens of the City of Alexandria, Virginia that Sunday closing laws are not necessary in Alexandria and by this section expresses that sense.

Sec. 34A-3. The provisions of Section 18.1-363.1 of the Code of Virginia (commonly known as the Sunday closing law) shall have no force or effect within city.

That on and after November 13, 1974, the provisions of Section 18.1-363.1 of the Code of Virginia shall have no force or effect within the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Section 2. That in the opinion of the City Council an emergency exists and this is hereby declared an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE so that the City of Alexandria can have its Sunday closing laws cease at the same time as neighboring jurisdictions.

Section 3. Effective date of Ordinance.

That this ordinance shall not be published. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of public hearing, and the date and time of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of this meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the moment of its passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Introduction: November 12, 1974
First Reading: November 12, 1974
Public Hearing: November 12, 1974
Second Reading: November 12, 1974
Final Passage: November 12, 1974